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Parish bakery sells cheap 'Pan de Savio'

By Kristine L. Alave

FOR MANDALUYONG CITY RESIDENTS trying to cope with rising food prices, the hot pan de sal from the oven of St. Dominic Savio Parish is like manna from heaven.

Every morning, hundreds of people line up at Barangay Hagdan Bato Itaas (literally,

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'Extinct' bonsai makes surprise appearance

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

ROSALES, PANGASINAN—A yellowish bonsai last seen 10 years ago and thought to be extinct

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US Navy retiree Jerry Miner displays his dog tag during an interview in Olongapo City.

Health scam continues in RP, say US retirees

MONCADA, TARLAC—THE clinic where Dr. Alberto Manan allegedly played his role in the $100-million swindle of the US military's health insurance program sits abandoned, along with the adjacent family home.

But a legacy remains, with a US Navy retiree saying scams are still rife even after a US federal judge ordered a Philippine company to pay back the money it had skimmed.

Health Visions Corp., which pleaded guilty to mail fraud, was ordered to liquidate all its assets within 10 months and hand over the proceeds to the US government.

US prosecutors say the company billed the military's Tricare program of $99.9 million from 1998 to 2004. The program insures 9.2 million active and retired US servicemen and dependents worldwide.

The company routinely inflated claims by more than 230 percent, operated a phony insurance program, and billed for medical services never delivered, US court records showed.

Manan, one of the longest-wanted fugitives in the probe, recruited dozens of military retirees to falsely claim they and their relatives had been confined in his clinic and received expensive medical services, US prosecutors said.

He made fraudulent claims of $1.5 million to the program and was paid more than $1 million, prosecutors added. In return, he allegedly paid kickbacks to the retirees.

A US federal grand jury returned a 35-count indictment against Manan in 1999, but he

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₱5-B aid antipoor, says Church group

Caritas: Dole will only breed laziness

By Margaux C. Ortiz
In Manila
and Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

THE ARROYO ADMINistration's program that gives a family living below the poverty line up to P1,400 a month will just make the poor dependent on the government and, thus, encourage them to be lazy, the social arm of the Archdiocese of Manila said yesterday.

"It is antipoor, gives the poor no dignity and only breeds dependency," said Fr. Anton Pascual, executive director of Caritas Manila. He said teaching the poor to be dependent was not part of the long-term solution to the soaring cost of basic necessities, especially food.

Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral said on Saturday that the national government had allocated P5 billion this year to fund a P500 monthly stipend for each of the country's poorest

P5-B AID / A11



A BLIND boy is guided as he touches for the first time a pot-bellied Vietnamese pig during an interaction tour of the Manila Zoo organized by parents and photographers.

18 blind kids brave zoo safari

By Volt Contreras

FOR A FEW HOURS THAT sun-dappled Saturday, 18 blind children went on an urban safari and conquered fear.

And egging them on was Ian, the 25-year-old photography buff with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), whose amazing pictures were featured by the Inquirer three weeks ago.

The children, along with Ian and 15 other photo hobbyists, turned up for a morning pictorial on April 19 at the Manila Zoo, where they got to pet and ride some exotic animals for the first time, as cameras clicked away and delighted parents looked on.

"I had only heard of snakes

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Jamby sees bitter court battle for inheritance

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SEN. JAMBY MADRIGAL IS gearing up for a "long and bitter" court battle for the fortune left behind by her aunt, the late Consuelo "Chito" Madrigal-Collantes, regarded as one of the Philippines' wealthiest women.

"We have a very strong legal and factual basis to question the validity of the will," said Madrigal's counsel, Ernesto Francisco Jr., referring to the last will and testament that Collantes purportedly executed and signed in September 2006.

"This will be a long and bitter road, it will not be easy for both parties," Francisco said in an interview with the Inquirer.

However, Francisco refused to say on what grounds the Madrigal legal team would contest the will that reportedly left the senator out of any inheritance because she had already received her share in the form of campaign contributions from her aunt that helped her get elected in 2004.

"The senator herself will state the basis for contesting the distribution of the inheritance which she believed should be implemented lawfully," said Francisco. "She just wants justice."

Madrigal says that the inheritance tussle will make "a nice telenovela" and that she will divulge more information on the matter once the case reaches

JAMBY / A11

Dead among listed recipients of rice access cards

By Jocelyn R. Uy

SOME OF THE PEOPLE ON the list to receive rice access cards turned out to be dead. A separate list contained names of people living in slums that had long been demolished, according to Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral.

Cabral cited these cases to explain why the Department of Social Welfare and Development had to be prudent in validating the lists. The DSWD has been tasked with distributing rice access passes to Metro Manila's "poorest of the poor" to allow them to buy government-subsidized rice.

While the card program will benefit poor households in Metro Manila, other families living below the poverty threshold will benefit from another government poverty reduction program called Ahon Pamilyang Pinoy (APP). (See banner story.)

Cabral described the APP "as a conditional cash transfer." A family will get P500 a month plus P300 for every child who logs perfect or at least 85-percent class attendance in a month. Up to three children per household could avail themselves of the program.)

She said the five-year APP program would cover only 300,000 families in the 20 poorest provinces, or only 7 percent of the 4.7 million poor households in the country due to budget constraints.

DEAD AMONG / A11

RP rice crisis mirrors face of global food price apocalypse

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

OF ALL CRISES ENCOUNTERED BY THE government since 2004, nothing is more threatening to its survival and more menacing to the 11 million poorest Filipinos than the current rice crisis.

Food shortages and skyrocketing prices of rice, the Filipino staple, are not just a "local Philippine problem." The Philippine "rice crisis" mirrors the global apocalyptic face of rising food prices described by the United Nations World Food Program as a "silent tsunami of hunger, threatening the lives of 20 million of the world's poorest children." And "galloping food inflation is rising," not exempting the Philippines.

Filipinos, their government especially, cannot seek comfort behind this global perspective in the complacent thought that "we are not suffering alone."

The nervous Philippine government, hiding its head in the sand, has used this perspective to dodge responsibility for the shortage and has embarked on an extensively expensive emergency rice procurement program in the world market to fill a short

RP RICE / A11



MAGAYON MAIDENS

Coming from the provinces of Bicol, young women in colorful costumes join the street dancing competition as part of Albay's celebration of the Magayon Festival in Legazpi City. "Magayon" is Bicolano for "beautiful."

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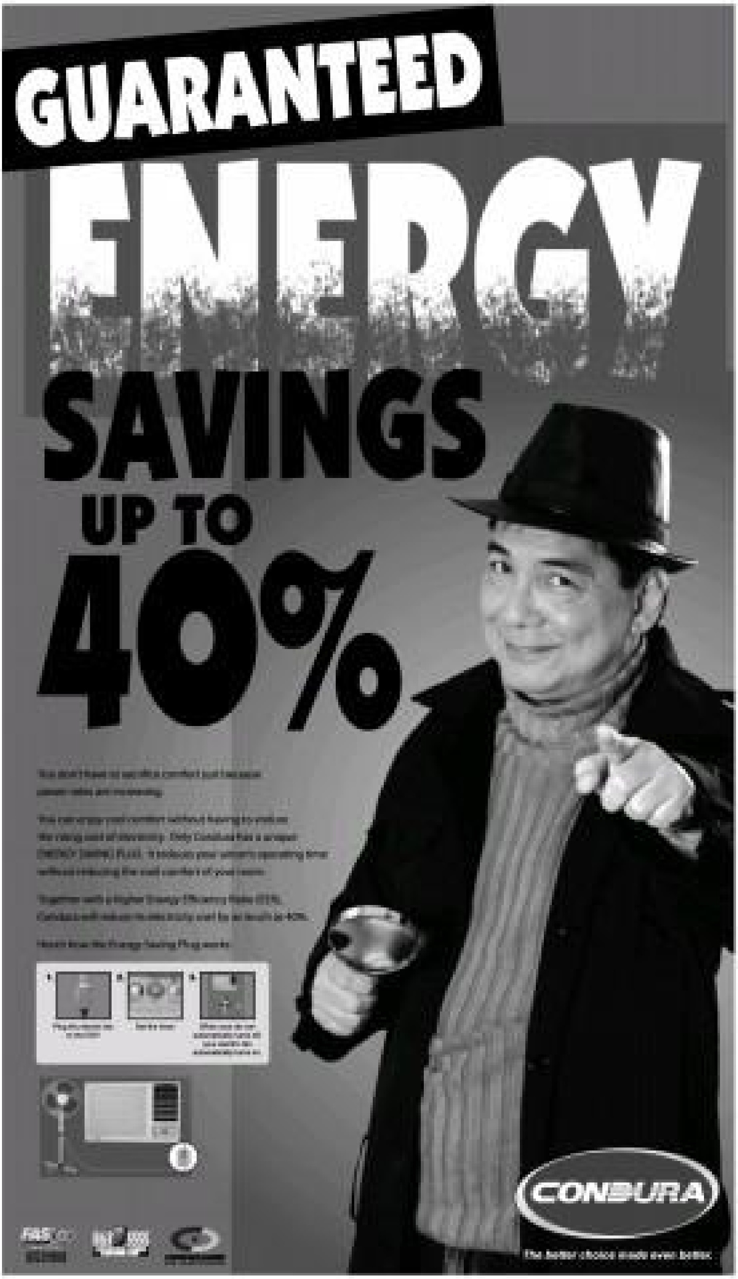
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Cheaper meds bill hits new snag

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL SUSpend ratification of the cheaper medicines bill, Speaker Prospero Nograles said yesterday.



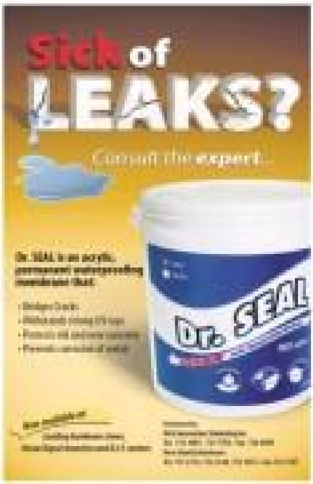
GMA kicks off Ro-Ro tour

Gov't food project displaces small traders at Aguinaldo





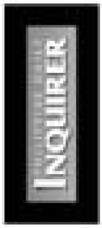














Parish bakery sells …

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("Nice Tomorrow") for bags of freshly baked "Pan de Santo."

The favorite breakfast roll sells at the churchyard for only P1.75 per 30-gram piece, or P2 each if sold at any of the parish's 20 outlets in neighboring barangays.

"This is Filipino food. This is what the masses eat," said Fr. Ramon Aldana, the parish priest, explaining why the church-run bakery has kept the cost of Pan de Santo (a product sold since December 2007) well below the current range of P3 to P3.50 per piece.

"Our aim really is to keep the prices within the reach of the poor," Aldana said.

Earlier this month, bread makers announced increases of 10 to 15 percent in the price of pan de sal, citing the worldwide increase in flour prices. Aldana said the rising cost of imported flour has been a constant challenge to the five-month-old bakery.

To keep Pan de Santo affordable, Aldana said, the parish decided to make other high-valued products that could "subsidize" the pan de sal production.

"These other products are now picking up," Aldana said, referring to the chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies, ensaymada, toasted bread and pan de sal with hotdog filling that the bakery now also sells.

Still, these items are cheaper than those sold by other bakeries, groceries or coffee shops, he said.

Aside from vendors, bulk buyers like City Hall, Jose Rizal University and public schools are [illegible] their bread and pastries from the parish bakery. Orders usually come from caterers who had heard of St. Dominic's efforts for the poor.

Proceeds from sales are funneled back to the parish's other projects, like scholarship grants and livelihood initiatives for poor residents. At present, in partnership with Caritas Manila, it is supporting 30 scholars.

Aldana said the parish hopes to double the number of scholars using the funds to be generated by the bakery.

Accidental bakery

And yet it was merely by a "happy accident" that the parish ended up baking bread, thanks to a baker-resident named Anton Lorenzo.

Aldana recalled that Lorenzo, who closed his shop last year, initially thought of donating his industrial-size ovens to Caritas Manila, the social action arm of the Manila Archdiocese. But with some prodding from other parishioners, Lorenzo decided to hand over the ovens to his backyard neighbor, the St. Dominic Savio parish.

Upon learning of the donation, other parishioners who had taken cooking and baking lessons began helping out in formulating recipes and drawing up marketing plans.

Aldana, who himself had learned basic baking techniques in the seminary, said the venture started out as a hit-and-miss affair. There was the tricky matter, for example, of getting the right bread size and taste.

"There was a time when [buyers] complained that our breads were too hard," the priest noted with amusement.

Today, employing two bakers and five helpers, the parish seems to have mastered the art of pan de sal-making that it has come up with its own brand name for the morning staple.

Grant from cardinal

Daily production of "Pan de Santo" usually starts around 10 p.m. Some 1,500 pieces would be ready by 4 a.m. the following day and would usually be sold out in less than an hour.

Recently, the [illegible] project of Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales extended a P200,000 grant to the parish to improve the bakery. With this additional capital, volunteer parishioners have begun "experimenting" with new products such as carrot cupcakes and brownies, Aldana said.

One [illegible], a former sales designer from Goldilocks, [illegible] should the parish decide to enter the custom cake business, the priest said.








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Gov't truly wants peace with MILF, says negotiator

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS VERY much to forge peace with the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and is working hard on a draft agreement to resolve this would stand constitutional scrutiny, chief peace adviser Jesus Dureza said yesterday.

"While we understand the apparent impatience of some sectors of the government, we cannot treat these pending issues in a cavalier manner or with undue haste," Dureza said.

The objective, he said, was to "ensure that (the agreement) is implementable and defensible from attacks of constitutionality."

Dureza said the government negotiating team led by Rodolfo Garcia was still at work on the agreement on ancestral domain for the Bangsamoro people.

"If there is any sector most interested in resolving this problem, it is the government. Let no one, whether foreign or domestic elements, publicly pressure as if they were more interested than us in a peaceful settlement," he said.

Dureza issued the statement to belie reports Malacañang was to blame for the slow pace of the peace talks that has dismayed Malaysia enough to pull out its monitoring team in the ceasefire between the government and MILF.

Malaysia is expected to begin pulling out next month.

Dureza thanked Malaysia for its help in the peace process and said the government "respects and accepts" its decision to withdraw its peace monitors.

Dureza, meanwhile, said he supported a Senate resolution endorsed by 10 senators seeking to divide the country into 10 federal states and one federal administrative region.

He said the proposal was a "step forward" for the stalled peace talks, something that the (Islamic) had been pushing.

But he said the government still had to consult with the MILF on the proposal pushed by 11 senators.

Military hunts rebs who killed, abducted troops

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Dead among listed recipients …

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The card program, however, will benefit 394,000 or 50 percent of the "food-poor families" in Metro Manila.

On Friday, social workers began assessing 20,793 identified cardholders.

Cabral said the lists, which were submitted by local government units, would be assessed by their local social welfare offices to check whether the identified cardholders "are really poor or not." Once the lists had been "cleaned up," the DSWD would validate 5 percent of the names picked at random by conducting house visits.

"If more than 60 percent of the 5 percent turns out to be correct, the (access) cards will be issued to (the cardholders on the list)," Cabral told the Inquirer in a phone interview yesterday.

"But if 20 percent of that 5 percent is amiss, we will go to the next 5 percent. And if the result is the same, we will return the list to the local government unit," she said.

Returned to sender

So far, a two-page list has been returned because it contained names of residents whose houses had long been demolished. "When we checked, there were no people in the area," Cabral said.

"On another list, just like a voters' list, were names of people who were already dead," she said, referring to the perennial problem during elections when voters' lists are bloated with the names of nonexistent or dead people.

She, however, declined to identify the local government units involved. "Maybe their lists just need updating," she said.

Early last week, Cabral urged the poor to be vigilant since cheap rice became available in their neighborhoods, warning that the rice passes distributed to them might be used as a political tool, "if the community will allow it."

Bigas numbers

She said the DSWD would issue local governments with a reference numbering system, dubbed "Beneficiary Identified for Government Assistance (Bigas)" numbers, to prevent the proliferation of fake access cards.

The system is designed "to prevent leakage," Cabral said, amid reports that fake access cards were already being sold at P10 each in some areas in Quezon City.

As for the APP program, 300,000 poor families in the 20 identified poorest provinces across the country will get health and education cash packages, which would give each household as much as P15,000 annually.

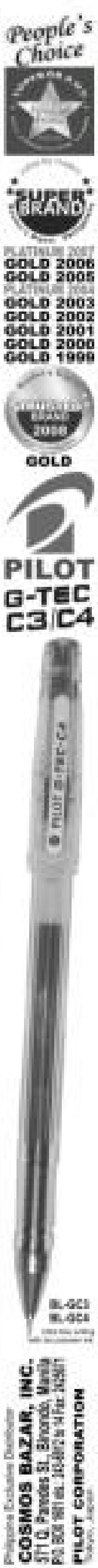
The program was started in Agusan del Sur, Misamis Occidental and Pasay City late last year.

By June, beneficiaries in other provinces, including Lanao del Sur, Sarangani, Davao del Norte, Maguindanao, Antique and Samar, will start receiving the cash incentives.









'Extinct' bonsai makes surprise appearance

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Biking priest's trip from Davao ends at Palace



FR. AMADO Picardal waits outside Malacañang



Nograles: China exploration deal probe can wait

By Norman Bordadora

THE INQUIRY BY THE HOUSE OF Representatives into the constitutionality and propriety of the joint marine seismic undertaking (JMSU) the Philippines entered into with China and Vietnam around the Kalayaan islands in the South China Sea may have to wait, according to Speaker Prospero Nograles.

"I think there is no compelling urgency. (The JMSU probe) can wait two weeks. But cheap medicines, wage and food security cannot," Nograles told the Inquirer yesterday.

The House plenary had tasked the committees on foreign affairs, energy and national defense to investigate the JMSU, which critics claim surrenders the Philippines' rights over its natural resources should any be discovered during the term of the agreement.

But the joint committee hearing set for Tuesday may have to be reset because energy committee chair Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo was still abroad.

Nograles indicated he wasn't about to ask Arroyo, the eldest child of President Macapagal-Arroyo, to delegate a vice chair to preside over the joint hearing in his behalf.

"I have given all chairmen complete autonomy in their committees but we have also given them a time line within which to finish their reports... Mikey knows his responsibilities as chair and he will produce the desired results," Nograles, an administration ally, said.

Majority Floor Leader Arthur Defensor, chair of the committee on rules, in a letter to foreign affairs committee chair Rep. Antonio Cuenco of Cebu City said the JMSU probe could not push through if one of the panel chairs or a deputized vice chair was absent.

Cuenco said he checked with the committee on energy secretariat and was told Arroyo had left instructions that no committee hearings or meetings were to be held while he was away. Arroyo will be in the United States until May 10.

"This is clearly a dereliction of duty on the part of Mikey," said Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño on Arroyo's alleged failure to appoint a vice chair to represent him in the JMSU hearing.

Casiño said he suspected the administration would continue to try to delay the JMSU probe until the three-year agreement that was signed in 2005 lapsed in mid-2008.

The opposition in the House led by Senior Deputy Minority Leader Roilo Golez of Parañaque City had questioned in March the constitutionality and propriety of the JMSU.

The Constitution bans the exploration of Philippine territory by foreigners and the seismic study, Golez said, was a form of exploration.

He also raised national security issues as the seismic survey was conducted by a subsidiary of the Chinese state-owned oil company.

"God help us if they find oil in (the JMSU area)," Golez said.



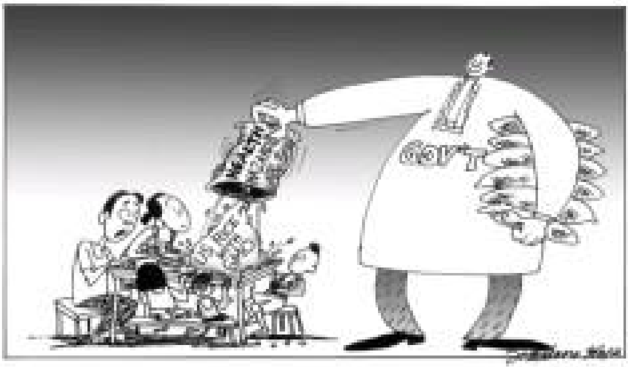
DUPONT RECOGNIZES PACKAGING CONVERTER

Photo shows Fisco Manufacturing Managing Director Calixto Laureano (3rd from left) receiving a plaque of appreciation from DuPont Asean Group Managing Director Hatch Ranck (2nd from left). DuPont, a science-based products and services company recognizes more than 3 decades of partnership with Fisco Manufacturing, the market leader in the flexible packaging industry, for its trust and confidence in DuPont Packaging Products. Also present are Fisco Manufacturing Executive Vice President William Pua (left) and Supply Chain Manager Miling Fong (right). DuPont Managing Director Ramon Abadilla (3rd from right) and Group Sales Manager Food/Beverage & Packaging Carlito Galvez (2nd from right). DuPont is celebrating its 30th anniversary in the Philippines this year.

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LETTERS

Ratifying Jpepa will only worsen food crisis

Photos confirm Hanjin built condo before it got ECC



THIS PHOTO was taken inside an office of Hanjin during the April 22 ocular inspection of Sen. Pia Cayetano.

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—HANJIN Heavy Industries & Construction Phil. Inc. had finished concreting the eighth floor of its 22-story condominium when the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority issued the project and environmental compliance certificate on July 12, 2007.

Sen. Pia Cayetano discovered the violation based on Hanjin's own photographs of the construction activities.

Fifteen large photographs documented the phases of the work for the two condominium buildings (the other building is 22-story high). Both were built on a three-hectare land in the middle of the lush forest within the Subic Bay Freeport in Zambales.

Cayetano's technical team saw the photographs at the company's makeshift office at the construction site. The senator showed copies of those photographs to SBMA officials when she and Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri inspected the site on Friday.

Cayetano raised this issue with SBMA ecology chief Amethya dela Llana-Koval during the Friday hearing at the Subic Freeport.

Koval said the SBMA has fined Hanjin P50,000 for the violation. She admitted that the SBMA did not suspend the construction, which Cayetano said should have been the proper thing to do under the environmental impact statement law (Presidential Decree No. 1586).

Cayetano belittled the fine. "That's ridiculous. We definitely have to change the law. Is this the message we want to send to our locators? Come to this country [and] if you violate any permits, we are just going to fine you $1,000? Nakakasawa naman tayo (We are gullible)," she said.

SBMA Chair Feliciano Salonga said the SBMA made a mistake. "We goofed," Salonga told Cayetano.

Manuel Gerochi, DENR undersecretary for lands management, said in the same hearing that "besides the penalty, they are to be suspended until the issuance of ECC."

Cayetano said under SBMA guidelines on the implementation of the EIS, "all new and existing projects" within the freeport must get an ECC first or a certificate of non-coverage."

Cayetano found Hanjin's construction work prior to the ECC issuance as a "grave violation" of the law and SBMA guidelines.

Delegated authority

"Here we are in a situation where the function of the DENR has been delegated to the SBMA, and it is clear to me that SBMA is not really certain as to what laws apply and what constitutes development, construction, plan, or whatever activities before the ECC permit," she said.

"So how can you tell us that [DENR could] delegate these powers when it would take Undersecretary Gerochi over and over to even tell you when permits are due, when penalties are due, what activities are allowed," Cayetano said.

SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza said the SBMA allowed Hanjin to start building the condominiums in January 2007 because "our position is that the clearing and demolition did not require an ECC because what were demolished were existing bunkers."

Arreza said the site of Hanjin's condominiums had previously been used by the Americans for the storage, test, check, assembly and limited maintenance of weapons. He said it was cleared by the United States Navy as early as 1968.

Koval said aside from the penalty and other conditions, Hanjin was required to apply for permits for demolition, clearing, tree cutting and soil testing surveys.

Tonette Orejas with reports from Robert Gonzaga, Inquirer Central Luzon

GMA signs new UP charter in Cebu

PRES. GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WILL SIGN the new University of the Philippines Charter in Cebu City at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The historic event will take place in the Conference Hall, Library Building of UP Diliman Cebu College, according to a news release.

The signing will be witnessed by UP Pres. Emerlinda R. Roman, members of the UP Board of Regents, and Sen. Francis Pangilinan, one of the bill's principal sponsors in the Senate.

The new charter names UP the "National University," recognizes it as a University System and acknowledges the authority of the chancellors and the university council as the highest academic body within each constituent university, the UP release says.

The new charter also allows an additional P100 million over and above its regular appropriations each year for the next five years, and grants the University flexibility to enable it to provide a more fair compensation package and to develop its assets.

The UP community regards the charter's approval auspicious as the University celebrates its centennial year, the release says.

Bohol releases ₱13M for rice growers

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A FARMER in Davao del Sur is starting to plow his rice field in preparation for this week's planting.

Revoke land ordinance, farmers urge gov't



CALATAGAN farmers walk 300 kilometers from Batangas to Manila to assert their claim over the 500 hectares of land that's being converted into a mining area.

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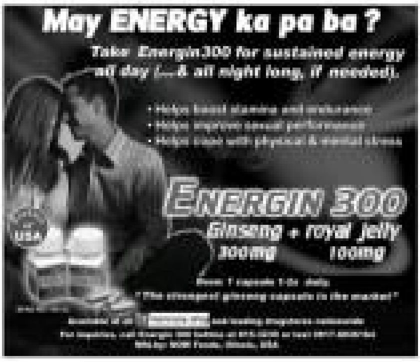
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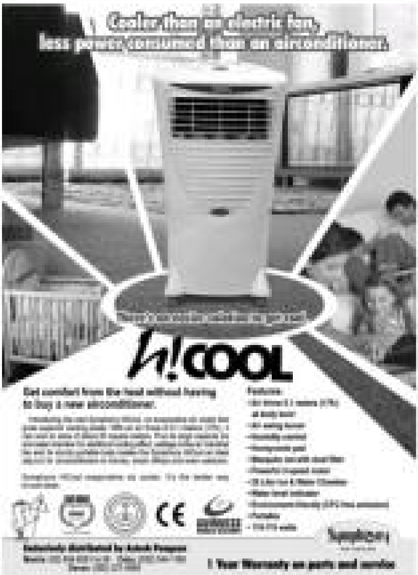
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Jamby sees bitter court battle for inheritance









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DID YOU KNOW



A CURIOUS crowd looks at the damage caused by a dump truck which plowed into 11 other vehicles in Taytay town, Rizal province before noon yesterday. Three people, including a 10-year-old boy, were killed in the incident which left 13 others injured.

3 dead, 13 hurt in road mishap

By Kristine L. Alave

THREE PEOPLE, INCLUDING A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY, were killed while 13 others suffered injuries when a dump truck plowed into several vehicles in Taytay town, Rizal province yesterday morning.

The police identified the driver of the truck as Ernesto Macaragan, 48, a resident of Cainta, Rizal.

Investigator PO3 Alvin Geraldo said the incident happened at 11:50 a.m. on Cabrera Road in Barangay Tikling.

Macaragan was driving on the road when he lost control of the dump truck which slammed into 11 other vehicles.

The vehicles consisted of several cars, owner-type jeeps and motorcycles which were all damaged in the incident.

Three people were killed on the spot, including the 10-year-old boy who was on board one of the motorcycles. At press time, he had yet to be identified.

The two other fatalities were Raquel Pardilla and Noel Mandaluyo. It was not known whether they were passengers of any of the vehicles which figured in the incident or bystanders.

The 13 injured people were rushed to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Macaragan gave himself up to village watchmen immediately after the accident which caused traffic to build up in the area.

Geraldo said the suspect was later turned over to the custody of the Taytay police.

Makati drivers to observe 60 seconds of silence

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Afghan president dodges slay attempt



KARZAI

KABUL—AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI escaped unhurt after an assassination attempt by Taliban fighters with guns and rockets during an official celebration in the capital, Kabul, on Sunday.

Reuters

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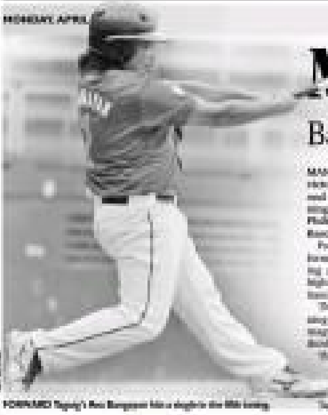
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Batangas batters press leader; Taguig wins again

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Food, fuel and finance

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Teves firm, European group sign biofuel deal

Technical rally seen for stocks this week

Investors await Fed move

By [illegible]

STOCKS MAY EXPERIENCE A technical rally this week after sharp losses in previous sessions exhausted selling pressure from investors, market watchers said.

Despite this, stocks on the Philippine Stock Exchange will continue to be weak as concerns linger about the prospect of higher interest rates caused by rising prices of food and petroleum products.

In a research note to its clients, BPI Securities Corp. said the "outlook [for] the local market remains one of weakness, although a technical bounce may be in the offing, given the level of support early next week."

BPI Securities said the PSEi [illegible] the quickly gave up gains made last Tuesday to end last week "firmly below 2800."

End-Friday, the PSEi lost 137.73 points or 4.72 percent week-on-week to end at 2,777.93 points. Value turnover was generally weak, with only P1.9 billion changing hands during the final trading session of last week.

Online broker AB Capital Securities also expects a technical rally this week, but cautioned clients that any upward move would likely be short-lived.

The broker described the present state of the stock market as being "in very bad shape from a fundamental and technical standpoint."

From a technical analysis point of view, it added that "medium- to long-term technical indicators have turned sour in the last couple of weeks."

"Meanwhile, the short-term charts are showing some indications that a technical rally is possible next week," AB Capital added. "The PSEi showed some positive divergence with its key oscillators, signaling that we may see a double bottom support at the 2,777 level."

"In terms of sentiment, there were no indications last Friday that the market can move lower significantly," the broker warned. "Foreign funds were dumping almost indiscriminately even as the major markets in Asia were rallying."

This week, investors will be watching the US Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates, with market pundits calling an 80-percent chance that the Fed will cut interest rates by 25 basis points.

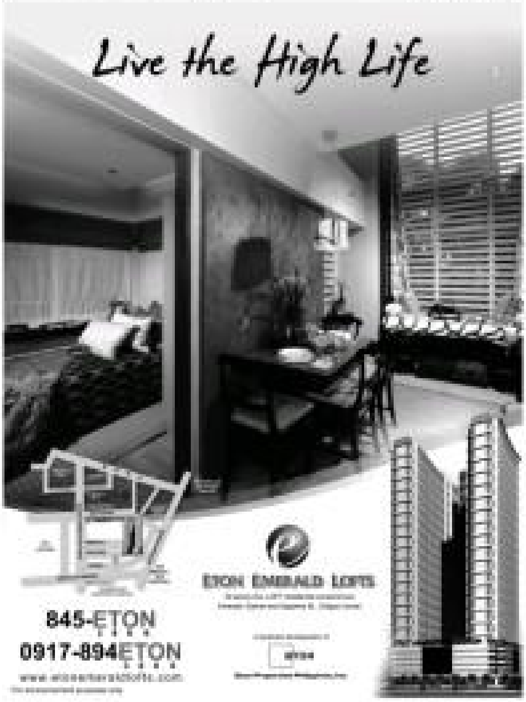
Locally, investors will be sifting through listed companies' first-quarter earnings reports that will be coming due, with many watching for the effects that rising energy and food prices have on consumer spending.

"We may still see some good numbers as the global economy's deterioration may take some time to work its way down to the company profits," AB Capital said.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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Sy set to acquire shares in San Miguel beer unit

PSE to alter market index composition





GMA 7 expands network





Shang Properties, Metrobank sign ₱3.5-B loan agreement



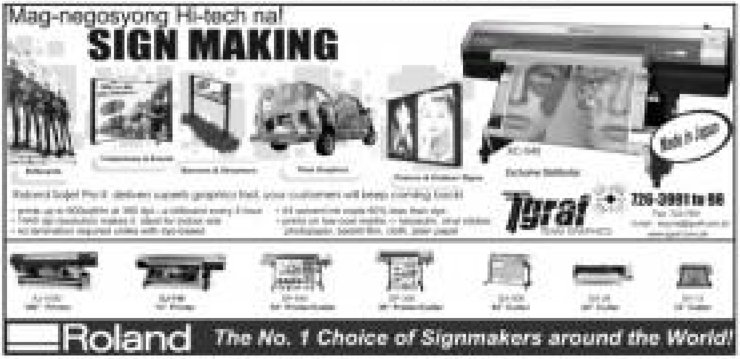
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Anglo nets ₱494M, declares cash dividend

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By Amy R. Remo

Retired Napocor plant sold

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid



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Registrant

Registration of Securities

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Common Shares	Number of Shares
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Celebrating the cultural diversity of Cagayan de Oro with a special performance of DARANGEN and the opening of the MUSEUM OF THREE CULTURES
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Farola is an exhibit featuring Spanish Colonial Lighthouses found all over the Philippines. The research and documentation of this exhibit was conducted by Architect Noche of the University of Sto. Tomas through a grant from the Spanish Government.
May 1 - July 2008 – Gameng Museo, Ilocos Norte
May 8 - Robinsons Galleria, 6PM
May 22 - 30 - National Museum, Provincial Capitol Compound, Tagbilaran, Bohol

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May 2, 6PM

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City of Manila
May 4, 2008

FLORES DE MAYO
Rajah Sulayman Park in front of Malate Church
May 11, 2008, 3:30PM

PHILIPPINE COLONIAL BRIDGES
May 5-8 – Robinson's Lipa, Batangas
May 12 – Teatro Marikina, Marikina City

FOOD FESTIVALS
Bicol Harvest Festival
Intercontinental Manila's Jeepney Coffee Shop
May 6-31, 2008
Celebrating Spanish Influence on Filipino Cuisine
Paseo Uno, Mandarin Oriental
May 14-20, 2008

BANGSA MORO EXHIBIT WITH LECTURE
Listen to Ms. Lourdes Molina explain these archival photos & the families they represented
Davao Museum, Lanang, Davao City
May 12-31, 2008, 3PM

TAPAN EXHIBIT
Photos of Filipino festivals by well-known photographer, DONALD TAPAN & his children
May 13, 2008, 6PM – Robinsons Place, Manila

DARANGEN NI BANTUGEN
Featuring Philippine Ballet Theater & Sayaw Foundation
In Gener Caringal's interpretation of the Maranao Epic, Darangen ni Bantugen
May 14, 2008, 7:30PM – CCP Gala Night and May 15, 2008, 3PM and 8PM
May 24, 2008 – Star Mall, Las Piñas

BALAGTASAN
Poetic jousts that honor the Prince of Tagalog Poets, FRANCISCO BALAGTAS
May 7 – Hagonoy, Bulacan, 4PM
May 12 – Quezon City Hall, 10AM
May 14 – University of Makati Little Theater, Makati City, 2PM
May 27 – Mathew Arts Kag Kultura Center, Victorias, Negros Occidental, 7PM

SINAUNA EXHIBIT
Mall of Asia
May 15 - 21, 2008, 6PM

AMERICAN COLONIAL BRIDGES & 5th STAMP LAUNCH
A display of the American legacy at Greenbelt 3 by Architect Manuel Noche
May 16, 2008, 6PM

PARIAN BINONDO
Binondo Plaza (infront of Binondo Church)
May 17, 2008, 5PM

LINAMBAY
Rit Plaza, Leyte,
May 18, 6PM

PINTADOS OF LEYTE AT THE CAPITOLYO
Original Pre-Spanish body Tatoo Designs
Banig & Tuba Exhibit at The Leyte Capitolyo
May 19, 2008, 9AM-5PM

PATAWA
An exhibit of paintings, photographs, jokes, quotations,videos showing the Pinoy sense of humor
Metropolitan Museum, Roxas Blvd.
May 19, 2008, 5:30PM

EUROPEAN IMPRESSIONS
of the Philippines in the 16th and 17th century
Metropolitan Museum, Roxas Blvd.
May 19-21, 2008, 3:30pm

SAN BEDA CHAPEL & SAN SEBASTIAN TOUR
May 17, 2008,
Meeting: Grounds San Antonio Church, Forbes Park

NATIONAL ARTIST EXHIBIT
Atrium, SM Mega Mall, Bldg. A
May 19-22, 2008

MINDANAO FESTIVAL
Rustan's Makati
May 20, 2008, 5PM

4th ANNUAL GSIS Painting Competition
Awards Night at the GSIS Museum
Roxas Blvd. May 22, 6PM

EXHIBIT OF GOWNS
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Robinsons Iloilo
Epic Excerpts at the Iloilo Museum
May 23, 2008

INTERNATIONAL FOOD & WINE SOCIETY, Ladies Branch
Greenbelt 5
May 24, 2008, 3PM

KOMEDYA LINAMBAY & BANIG EXHIBIT
Enjoy Leyte's version of the Komedya Marvel at the colorful artistry of mats from Basey, Samar
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May 24, 2008

KISAME – BOHOL CEILING PAINTINGS
Bohol's magnificent church ceilings will be featured in this month-long exhibit at Ayala Museum curated by Fr. Ted Torralba of the Nunciature
May 28 – July 6, 2008, 6:30PM

LAS GRAN DAMAS DE NEGROS
Showcasing the elegant ball gowns of Sugarland's great ladies.
Bacolod Provincial Capitol
May 29-30, 2008

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May 31-June 12, 2008

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Business

BSP to keep rates steady, StanChart says

Focus shifts to inflation

By Doris C. Dumlao

BRITISH BANK STANDARD Chartered expects the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to keep its benchmark interest rates unchanged for the rest of the year, citing the US Federal Reserve's slower pace of monetary easing and concerns over wage increases.

In a commentary issued after the BSP's policy rate-setting last week, Hong Kong-based regional economist Simon Wong also projected that rising food and fuel prices would bring up this year's inflation to an average of 5.9 percent.

He projected the rate of inflation to peak this second quarter at about 6 percent before tapering off in the third and fourth quarters.

"However, our view remains that the US downturn will be drawn out even [illegible] beyond the current supply-driven inflation cycle," Wong said.

"Provided that wage growth can be contained at a benign level, we expect inflation to return below 5 percent in 2009, allowing the central bank to resume easing," the economist said.

As expected by the market, the inflation-targeting BSP's policy-making Monetary Board voted to keep the institution's overnight borrowing rate unchanged at 5 percent and the overnight lending rate at 7 percent last Thursday.

Wong took note of the BSP's warning of risk to inflation and a likely breach of its 5 percent midterm inflation target for 2008.

He also noted the BSP's description of its current stance as "neutral" but with specific reference to acting "decisively" to contain "second-round inflation" impact on wages and fare increases.

The BSP's statement that the current momentum "provides ample room" for such action, Wong said, clearly referred to still strong exports and remittance numbers in January to February.

"Specifically, latest developments suggest that the external sector has held up well against recent financial turbulence, with export growth still averaging 8 percent year-on-year while remittance contributions up 15.5 percent year-on-year in January to February," Wong said.

On the external front, StanChart expects the US Fed to cut its key rate slowly by only 25 basis points each in the April, June and August meetings, given less-than-expected stress reported in the latest round of financial results in the United States.

"This should allow the BSP to have more flexibility in the near term to reposition itself as it manages an increasingly precarious growth-inflation balance at home," Wong said.

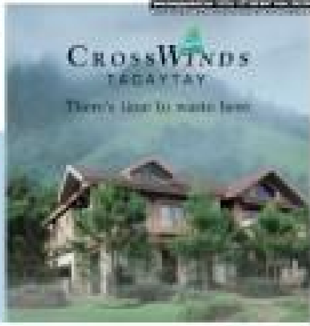
For now, Wong said the focus (of economic managers) was shifting away from growth to inflation as the economy now faces increasing risk of a wage-inflation spiral, he said.

"The central bank's monetary policy statement, by stressing it has the will ('decisively') and capability ('ample room') to take action, clearly aims to give wage setters leverage in the coming wage rounds," Wong said.

"Shifting toward a neutral stance under current circumstances will also broaden the bank's policy options should eventual wage concessions prove inflation-hostile," he said.

BUSINESS Monday
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino





AIM shifts paradigms

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

ONE OF ONLY TWO INTERNAtional business school accreditation bodies had asked the Asian Institute of Management to let go of some of its aging faculty members if AIM hoped to be accredited by the European Foundation for Management Development-European Quality Improvement System.

AIM was the first Asian graduate school of management to receive the five-year Equis accreditation in 2003. Last year, a team from EFMD rejected AIM's application for reaccreditation.

On March 28, 2008, AIM president Francis Estrada and Dean Victoria Licuanan sent a letter to the AIM Community stating that, on top of the governance issue cited by Equis in its Peer Review Team report, the body cited three other issues the school must address before accreditation could be recommended.

The letter quoted the report: "Currently, the most serious issue at AIM is the deep conflict over governance that culminated in the suspension of the Board of AFA (AIM Faculty Association), in the funding of AFA as a representative negotiation partner of the faculty in its relations with AIM Management."

According to the letter, the other issues cited in the report were:

- Faculty Renewal. AIM needed to hire more young Ph.D.s/DBAs interested [illegible] of research and teaching and to reduce the median age of the faculty (Estrada says the average age of AIM faculty is 57.7 years).
- Research. There was paucity of quality research produced by the Institute.
- Internationalization. The Institute lacked faculty members from other countries.

AIM Alumni Association member Ramon M. de Vera, who was privy to the discussions between Equis and AIM, says the foreign group told them: "Your faculty is aging, there are not enough Ph.D.s and the faculty does not write research papers and reports."

According to De Vera, AIM pointed out that this is because the institute's focus is on "practitioners" (AIM professors are encouraged to do consultancies with companies). He says the school's stand is that "there are constraints if you are a practitioner group ... you are not heavy on publishing papers, and AIM values older professors who have more wisdom."

De Vera adds that AIM decided not to pursue the accreditation as Equis' requirements meant firing people.

"If we follow Equis, we will have to fire professors and change this from a practitioner-based institution to a purely academic/theoretical one where Ph.D.s are valued more than experience."

But De Vera says AIM is in the midst of changes that are not accepted by some.

"We are changing the structures, strengthening and putting reforms. In the face of reform, obviously many feel uncomfortable if you change from the left foot to the right foot," he says.

AIM's Estrada, in his letter to the community, noted "the Institute was undergoing a major transition in governance, structures and strategy designed to make it more meritocratic and responsive to the new market realities as ... suggested by the Equis review team in 2003."

While AIM is trying to institute changes, management has to deal with internal issues.

Deanship

One issue that keeps on surfacing is the qualification of its current dean.

Some members of the faculty feel that Victoria Licuanan does not have the qualification for deanship.

The Commission for Higher Education Department requires the dean of graduate schools to

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AIM's 40-year-old campus in Makati City



AIM shifts paradigm

OLD PARADIGM	NEW PARADIGM

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How ME came about



Online trading raises new breed of investors

Mapping the Future

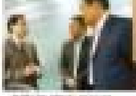
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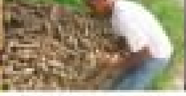




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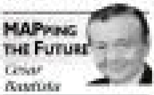




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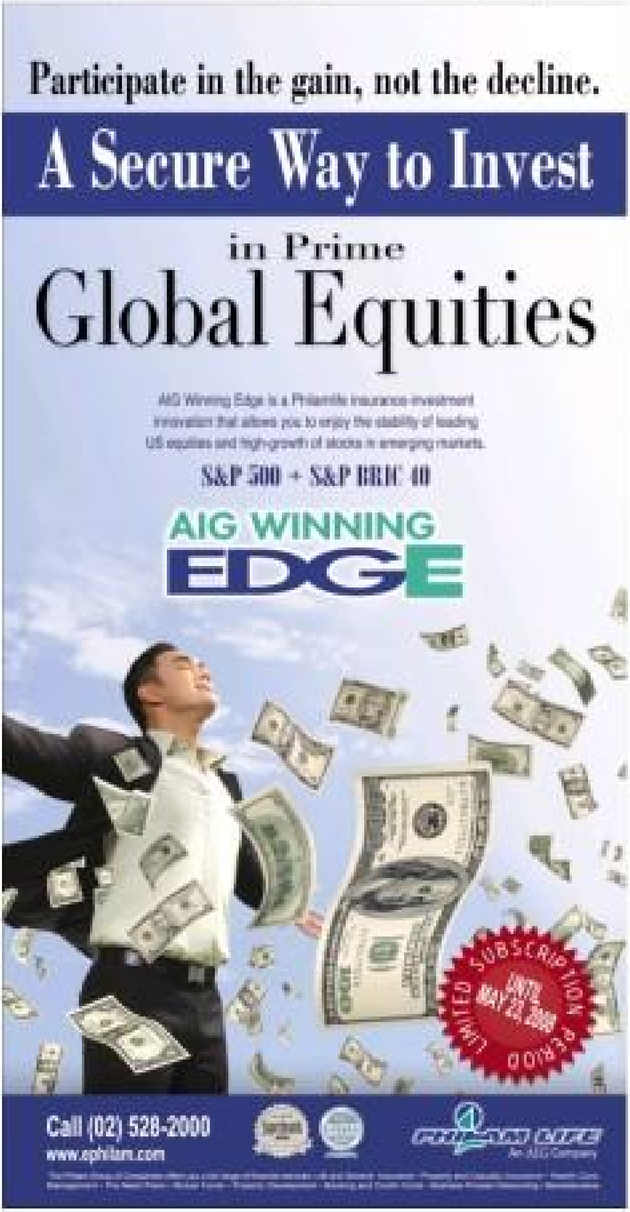


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BUSINESS Monday

Banker bats for opening of local sector

By Doris C. Dumlao

HSBC ASIA-PACIFIC CEO Alexander "Sandy" Flockhart first came to the Philippines as a tourist in 1978. Wearing his new hat as a top British banker, Flockhart revisited the country recently and saw a nation that's "less frenetic" and in a much better shape to avoid a boom-bust cycle.

Flockhart was appointed CEO of HSBC Ltd. in July last year and was named a Commander of the British Empire in the Queen's New Years Honours List in recognition of his services to British business and charitable services and institutions in Mexico. He has been with HSBC for the last 33 years, assigned to different markets across Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

Born in the UK in 1951, Flockhart was educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he attended George Watson's College. He joined HSBC in July 1974 after graduating in law (LLB) from Edinburgh University.

Fresh opportunities

In an interview with BusinessMonday, Flockhart shares his views on banking across the region amid various global challenges as well as fresh opportunities in various segments like middle-market, consumer banking and microfinance.

He also thinks that further liberalization in the banking system will benefit the Philippines. The following are excerpts from the interview:

Q: What new trends in the international or regional environment will affect the way you do business in banking?

A: Basel 2 (the globally accepted capital adequacy framework) has become operational in the region and that's going to mean that there will be a more appropriate weights between risks and rewards which will be good for markets.

Q: Do you foresee competition from some Asian banks that are growing big?

A: The Chinese banks are definitely becoming much bigger and their wish to become both regional and even multinational banks, buying stakes in South Africa and Nigeria. So, I think we'll see them as players but one thing that HSBC thrives on is competition. Competition is good.

Q: How long do you think this subprime crisis will linger and how will it affect banking in Asia?

A: In Asia, its effect has been muted because the contagion in terms of bank balance sheets and capital has been relatively minor. There has been many European and American banks impacted but the spin-off has been a lack of confidence in terms of lending not to companies but to banks in general and that will continue until we work through the next couple of quarters to see what further impact there is. So this tightness in liquidity will probably continue for a couple of quarters more.

I think it will end before the year is over but the impact of subprime may linger for another year or so as we work through this issue depending on what happens in the US economy.

Q: How would you assess East Asia especially the five countries (Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and South Korea) hit most by the Asian currency crisis of 10 years ago?

A: They all turned out with higher reserves, orthodox economic policies and have more appropriately balanced government budget. They are very much in a different situation from where they were during the crisis 10 years ago. They are suffering in fact from the currency being tied to the US dollar, they've got inflation rising through imports.

Q: Speaking of currency appreciation, do you think the sharp rise in Asian currencies will be an issue in the years ahead? Will it affect growth?

A: As long as you allow floating exchange rates, allow it to go up and down, it shouldn't be an issue. But I think in the short-term, we've seen rising inflationary pressure caused by rising food stuffs and commodity prices.

Q: Will it have a significant impact on

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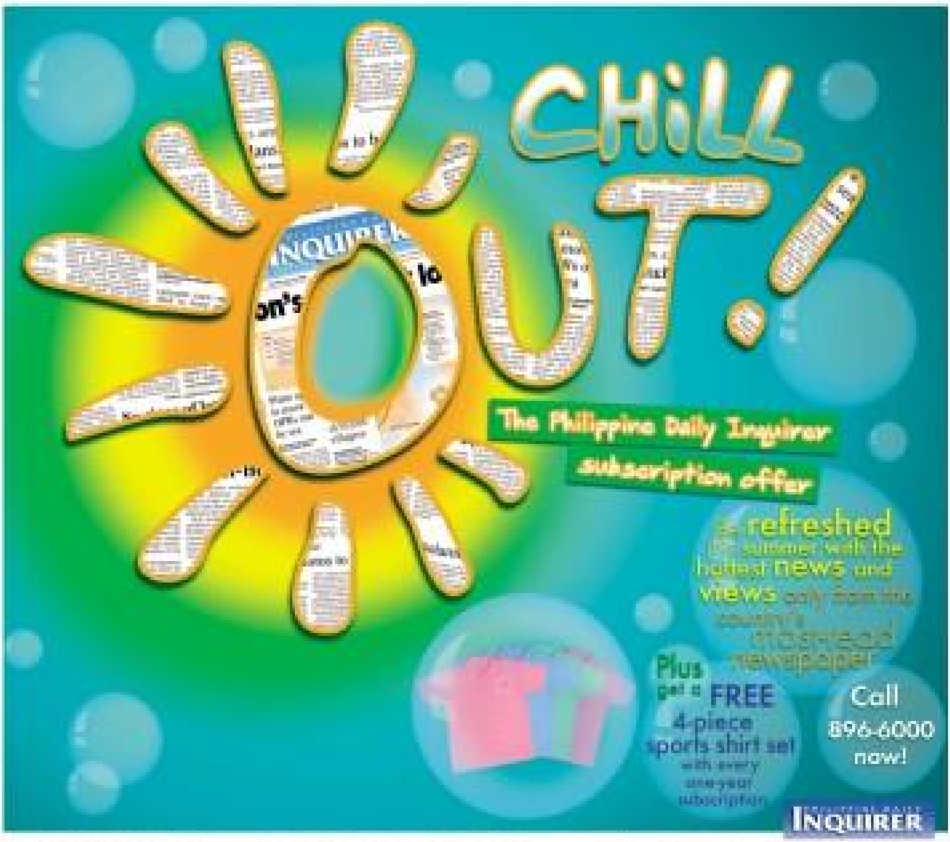
MOVEMENTS

TNT Express names new head for the Philippines

IP-Converge hires new VP

MakatiMed appoints new VP

Banker bats for opening ...



Evolving market for bath fixtures

THE MARKET FOR 91-YEAR-OLD JAPANESE bathroom fixtures and sanitary works firm, Toto, is evolving from purely residential to include hotels, restaurants, offices of executives.

"Though we don't always come up with many innovations, we're proud that when we introduce one, it becomes an industry benchmark copied by competitors. Our technology is already optimized before we release it. That's the Japanese way. We don't easily introduce innovations left and right but once we do, it's proven to last a lifetime," explains Vladimir Marcelo, general sales manager for Xplan Sales Corp., exclusive distributor of Toto products in the country.

The innovation in Toto products, Marcelo stressed, has captured the interest of the buying public, like the 3.6-liter closet and the world's first "dual flush" system, which promotes water conservation, plus sensors for urinals, faucets and water closets.

Marcelo cites their flagship brand, the Neorest, a top-of-the-line product and a testament that indeed, the market is changing. "We had good sales for this product, surprisingly, even from markets we didn't expect will buy Toto," he added.

Their one-piece toilet like the Neorest, which anchors Toto's award-winning product line, is a one piece elongated toilet with a perfectly smooth integrated shape, low silhouette design and a clean-cut and fully streamlined body. It uses Toto's revolutionary "Tornado" flushing system.







BusinessMonday

Profit can grow on medicinal plants

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

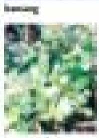


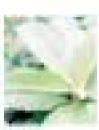














LIFESTYLE

Simon Flores, the first Filipino international artist

"La VIRGEN Maria," Paulino and Henry Que Collection

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Simon Flores, the first Filipino international artist



"PORTRAIT of Cirilo and Severina Quiason with Their Two Children," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Collection



"PORTRAIT of Consolacion Sison-Hizon"



"PORTRAIT of Monsignor Ignacio Pineda Tanbengi," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Collection

> Of his nearly 50 artworks known to exist, almost half are in this exhibit

Sheer mastery

Beyond aesthetics

Realism and genre

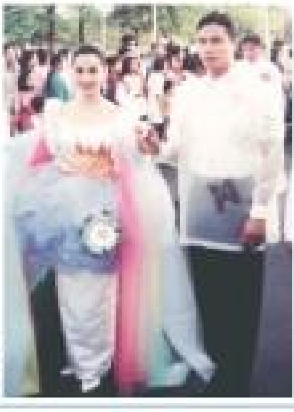


"PARABLE of the Repentant Mother"

Flores de Mayo exhibit in New York and Chicago

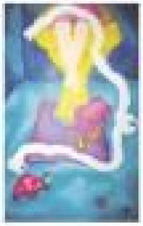






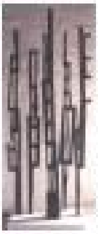


'Story of Feet' at 1/of





Visual Arts



"I STANDING Sticks," by Tony Twigg



Tirona at Silverlens

Box-making at Lopez Museum

Constantino at Boston



"BUNTONG-HININGA"

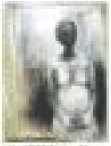
Jemina at Yellow Door



"DIFFERENT Strokes" 1, by Jemina



Olmeda et al. at Yellow Door





Ramilo at West

Tayona at Kaida

Art workshop

Drawing, painting classes

Edifice of knowledge

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

Located at the center of the Academic Oval, the Main Library is the heart of UP



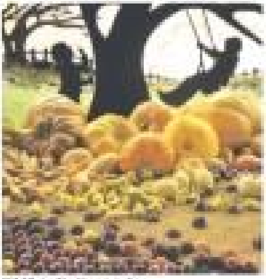
ARCHIVAL photograph of the original UP Library building.



THE LIBRARY today



De la Cruz's photogenic 'Wandering Soul'



"FOOD Art," by Klaye de la Cruz

LifeStyle



Pinays stage 'Monologues' at NY consulate

For expat Pinays mounting Eve Ensler's seminal feminist play, the production is advocacy and activism fashioned into art

By [illegible]
Contributor

NEW YORK—IT WAS LIKE coming to an all-female party I was not invited to.

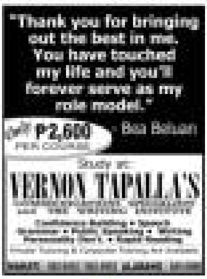
They file in quietly, all 15 of them lined up with their backs turned. They take turns facing the crowd to bring up women's issues on the center stage.

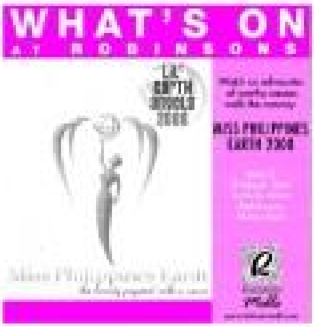
Anything can happen in this Filipino version of "The Vagina Monologues." After all, it is being staged at the Philippine Consulate on Fifth Ave. and the women are fighting for a cause.

The play has been reviewed by many women. After all, it is their story. It's good that I have finally gotten to watch the play many years later. I may be, knowing how both the source of pain and joy of women are inextricably linked with men, too. It is, in a sense, an occasion men should look at, need to and attend to.

Pioneering play

It will be recalled that Eve Ensler put vaginas on the map in 1996 with "The Vagina Monologues." Her pioneering play









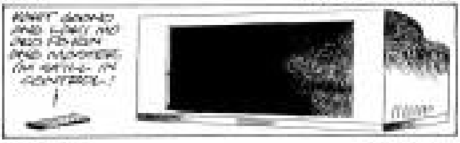
SHIRLEY'S PETS BY ROBERT MAGALBON



A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA



TULDOK



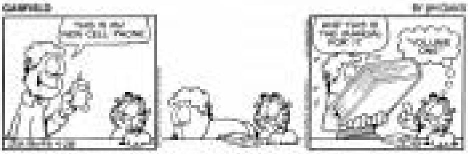
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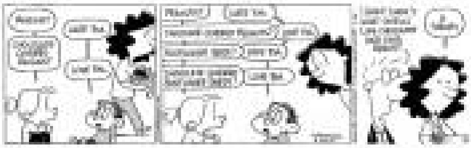
DIVINE COMEDY



GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS



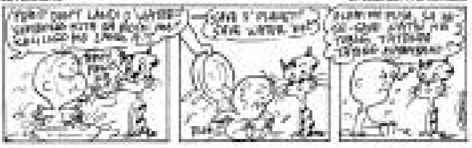
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



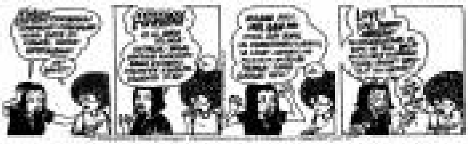




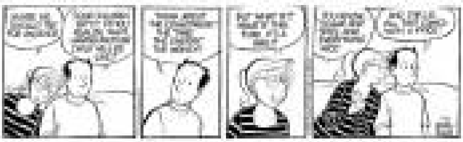
LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



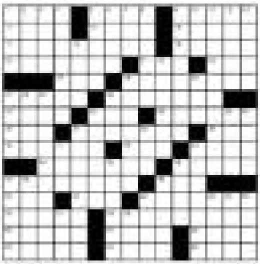
KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA



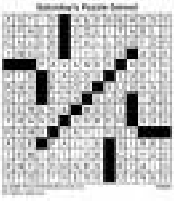
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

	6		8	1	5		9	
9		1				4		8
	8						5	
5			3		8			6
6				5				9
7			4		9			2
	4						8	
3		2				1		5
	7		1	9	3		2	

Difficulty Level ★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Ongpin, revisited

A Chinese-Filipino fictionist evokes the sounds and sights of the old Chinese enclave in Manila





Obvious affection

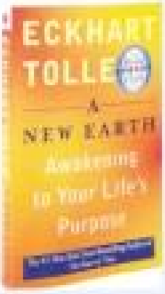
Book sheds light on Abu Sayyaf jailbreak

Top author of popular health books



Luis Gatmaitan, MD, a.k.a. "Tito Dok"

Spiritual author tackles 'earth science'





NEW BOOK ON PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

100 Kwentong Peyups

LEARNING FROM THE PILA AND THE REGISTRATION PROCESS





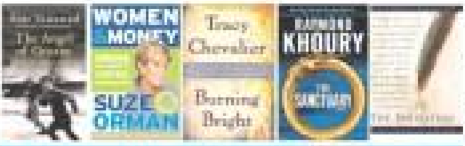
MONIQUE WILSON AT 'V TO THE TENTH'

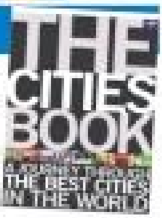
Pinays stage 'Monologues'...

Great performances

Strong support

Tribute to women





April reads





Tickets to Lea Salonga's 'Cinderella' now available



LIFESTYLE

Fake Bencab artworks affecting Baguio art retail

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

WHO'S THE BIGGER fool? The art collector, who still gets conned into buying counterfeit paintings of National Artist Benedicto Cabrera (popularly known as Bencab), or the artist who sells them?

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Real victim

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Replicas

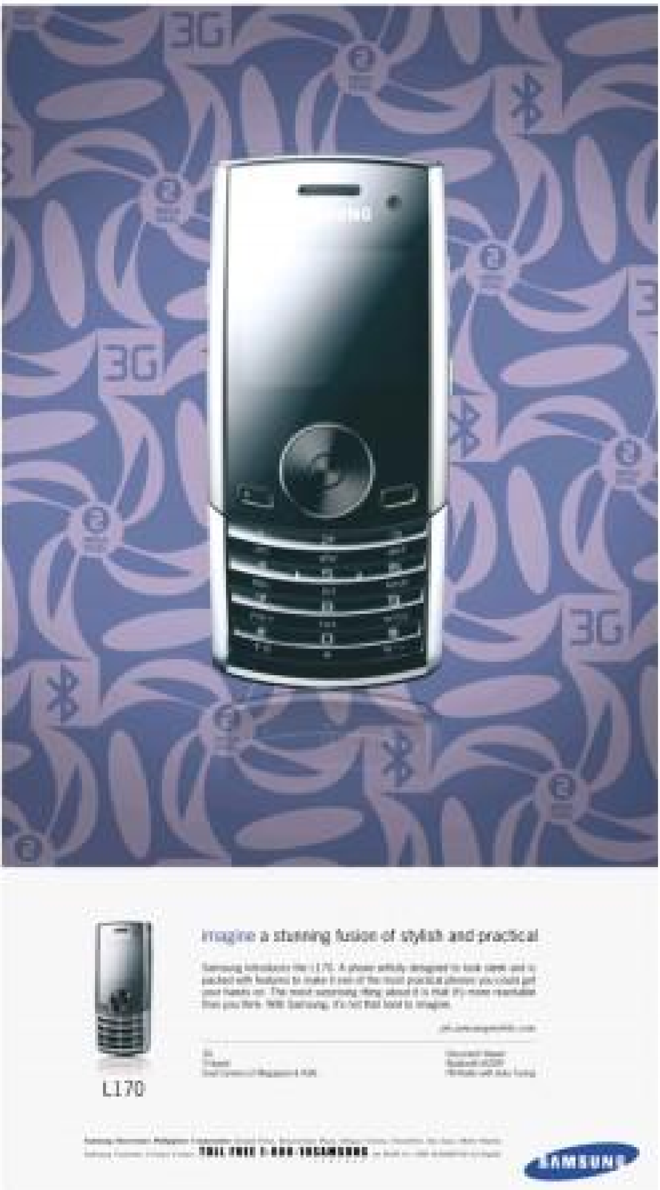
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New art

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NATIONAL Artist Benedicto Cabrera keeps mum about the traffic of counterfeit works.







José Blanco and family hold show in Xiamen, China



JOSÉ V. Blanco with grandchildren

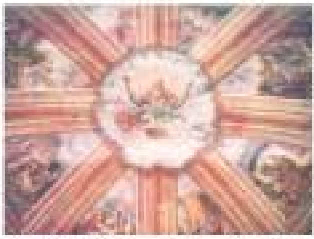
THE BLANCO FAMILY of artists headed by José V. Blanco will hold an exhibition of oil paintings in a show, "Colorful Arts of South Ocean," May 1-3. This event is made possible by the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA), Philippine Airlines (PAL), Consul General of the Philippines in Xiamen City, and the Xiamen Municipal Peoples Government of China.



PAINTINGS [illegible]: "BEGINNING of a New Day," [illegible] "Children of the Forest," [illegible]

Heritage Month feast to focus on epics

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Pillars of shame

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Vincent Padilla takes on the role of buffoon lashing out against society's high and mighty



"THE THINKER"

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Does Bukidnon's festival encourage a monoculture dictated by tourism and commerce?



My first *Kaamulan*

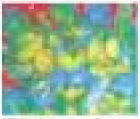




Bastardization



Summer tribute from 20 artists





LEARNING

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WHAT rice shortage? Public school students in Grades 1 to 6 get a daily ration of one kilo of rice at the end of classes. They are fed iron-fortified noodles and bread in school.

Assignment: DepEd

Reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic and Rice

Send your child to public school and you can get a kilo of 'bigas' a day

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUcation will pursue in 2008-09 its Food-for-School (FSP) program for the benefit of some 2.7 million public schoolchildren despite the current rice shortage.

Secretary Jesli A. Lapus expressed confidence the "perceived rice crisis" would not affect the food program, citing the P3.8-billion allocation for the project in this year's budget as his backing.

Lapus also suggested the FSP could be used to ensure the efficient distribution of the staple to poorer sectors of the population.

"Since the DepEd rice distribution program has proven to be a very effective means in reaching the poor, it should even be tapped and enhanced further by the National Food Authority or for any rice crisis distribution plans," Lapus told the Inquirer.

For 2008-09, the program would cover 149 of 189 public elementary school divisions in 17 regions, Lapus said.

The DepEd will need close to 490 million kilos of rice worth P9.01 billion for the 160-day school feeding program.

Each Grade 1-6 student gets a daily ration of one kilo of rice.

Last year, the program benefited 2,029,058 pupils in 15 regions. Beneficiaries totaled 1.2 million in Metro Manila, 283,882 in the Bicol region, 207,293 in Western Mindanao and 232,575 in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

"The results of our school feeding programs are very encouraging ... we hope to reduce the number of students dropping out of school because of poor health and nutrition," said Lapus. "Children who drop out of school early are more likely to suffer from low levels of literacy later on."

Motivation

According to Director Thelma Santos of DepEd's Health and Nutrition Center, "(Rice) is distributed to students at the end of classes each day ... to motivate them to return to school the next day."

Through the program, she said the DepEd hoped to reduce the dropout rate and malnutrition level among students.

From 2005 to early 2008, the DepEd distributed over 238 million kilos of rice, worth P5.3 billion, to some 6.7 million schoolchildren.

While the the rice was brought home, the DepEd also fed in schools last year 66,347 pupils in 889 elementary schools in the country with iron-fortified noodles and bread.

In a report, the DepEd said Priority One provinces in its school feeding program required almost P4 billion.

Priority One provinces are Zamboanga del Norte, Masbate, Maguindanao, Sharif Kabunsuan, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Mt. Province, Lanao del Norte, Camarines Norte, Sarangani, Zamboanga Sibugay and Marinduque.

Nearly P300 million is needed for DepEd's Priority Two provinces: Palawan, Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental, Romblon, Antique, Samar, Sultan Kudarat, Abra, Biliran and Tawi-Tawi.

Priority Three provinces—Leyte, Camiguin, Ifugao, Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes, Bohol, Northern Samar, Southern





CLASS ACT



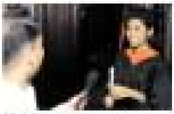
Playgrounds for the MIND

ROLL CALL

Tips for successful job hunting



OFWs' daughters graduate from UE





Arellano's 'global nurse for others'



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

OLFU's environmental studies

UPFI multimedia workshop

STI's new partner



Young executive named an Asia 21 Fellow



ONE OF 21. Isabel Gallardo of Ayala Land is one of Asia Society's emerging leaders and most promising trendsetters in the Asia-Pacific region.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For 3rd & 4th year college students

Tsao Nao scholarship

APC scholarships

'Best' students meet 'best' CEOs



BEST PRESENTER.

Curriculum for 7-day intensive masonry training



ACTOR Cesar Montano

Golden jubilee homecomings

Foreign service exams review at Lyceum

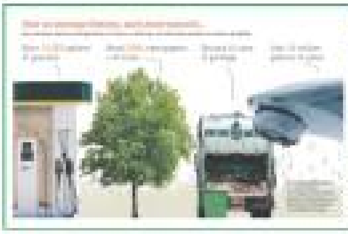


PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo (right) and Education Secretary Jesli Lapus lead the distribution of rice to public school students.

Reading, 'riting . . .

From page F1

Stop-gap





AVERAGE JOE burns 31,350 gallons of gasoline (left) and consumes 13,000 pints of milk in his lifetime (above) per the the National Geographic Channel documentary.

How big is your footprint?



EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

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Human impact

[illegible]

Average Joe

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Perils of plastic

[illegible]

Dangers of cell phones

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Dr. Helena Z. Benitez

Educator and women's advocate

What I've learned

Education brings change for the better

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Mantra

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No-crab mentality

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Duty to share

[illegible]

Forward-looking

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INQUIRER IN EDUCATION

Live lightly

A lesson plan on ecological footprint

[illegible]

Today's lesson

Objective

[illegible]

Materials

[illegible]

Procedures

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Extension

[illegible]

Activity Sheet

MY DAILY ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

What I eat	Number of times/day	What appliances I use	Number of times/day	How I get from one place to another	Number of times/day	What energy sources I use	Number of times/day
[illegible]		Radio/TV		Walking		[illegible]	
[illegible]		[illegible]		Biking		Batteries	
Fish/seafood		Refrigerator		[illegible]		[illegible]	
Vegetables/fruits				By bus		[illegible]	
Milk/dairy products		Computer/printer		[illegible]		[illegible]	
Water/softdrinks				By car		Coal	

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde





Back for 'Yeba'



YESTERDAY once more: Bert de Leon, right, rehearses with Rene Garcia (with cap) and ex-Hotdog leader Dennis Garcia (seated) Below.

By Pocholo Concepcion

RENE GARCIA CAN'T contain his excitement. "Hayop! Nagiging hippie na naman ako," he blurts out seconds after nailing down the last guitar note in Lovin' Spoonful's "Summer in the City"—one of several rarely heard 1960s tunes that he is rehearsing in a Makati studio with Bert de Leon on vocals.

Seated beside Rene is his brother Dennis, looking serious, listening intently to the music.

The Garcia brothers, a.k.a. the nucleus of the pioneering "Manila Sound" pop band Hotdog, are teaming up with de Leon as guest performers in "Yeba Combo Festival," a one-night tribute concert featuring some of the most popular '60s Pinoy bands, at the NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio, on May 2.

Headlining the show are the Electromenons, Dynamics, Deltas, Moonstrucks and Bandwagon.

Another special guest is Ramon Jacinto. Program host is DJ Steve O'Neal of 92.3/FM 100.

Save for a few members who have either passed on or gone to live abroad, all the bands have most of their original personnel intact.

Ring a bell

The presence of De Leon should ring a bell for those who had seen him perform with a band called Cotton.

"We were playing songs that the others didn't, like those by Lovin' Spoonful," says De Leon. "Then we became friends with Dennis and Rene because I was a big Rolling Stones fan."

De Leon was referring to his then favorite band, the Garcias' pre-Hotdog group in the late '60s, Bad Fun, which was known as a Stones cover band. For "Yeba," De Leon and Hotdog's current lineup (with keyboardist Wyle Lopez, drummer Gey Dayanan and bassist Jun Lopez of the Rebels) are set to do a blistering, metal-infused version of "Paint It Black."

It's a given that this is not simply an "oldies gig," but something that the younger generation might want to check out for some hard-edge rocking moments.

Likewise, it's the kind of event that would remind music fans how yesterday's "combos"—as bands were called at the time—gave everyone a good time.

But the idea to mount the show

BACK G4





KC gears up for her big movie bid

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Viewfinder



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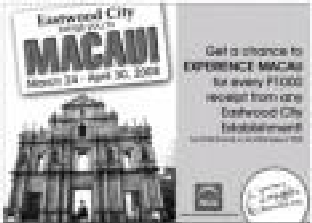
Best leading man

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The movies they're making

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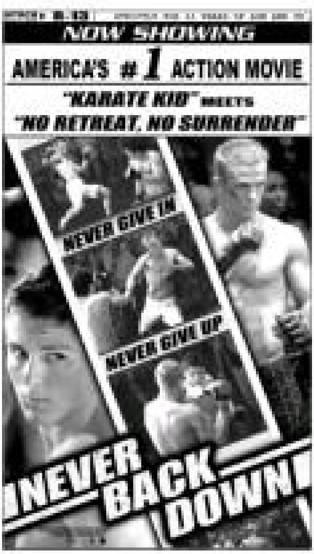


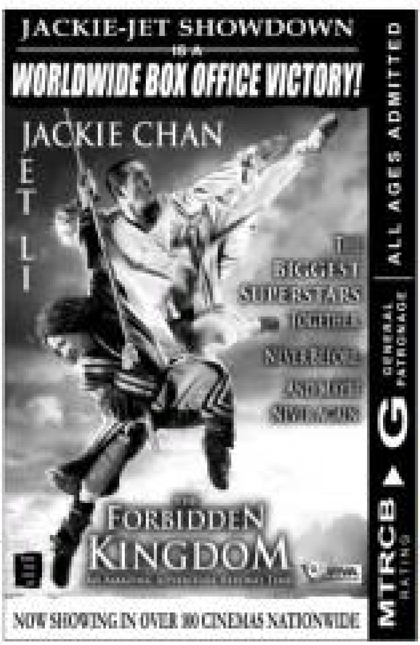


Back fo

Great instrumentalists









MARIAN, RELAXED

...r 'Yeba'



THE Moonstrucks



THE Electromaniacs



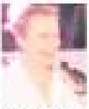
SUNDOWNERS



THE Bobbys



'Oprah' to salute mothers the whole month of May


DAVID Cassidy


BETTE Midler

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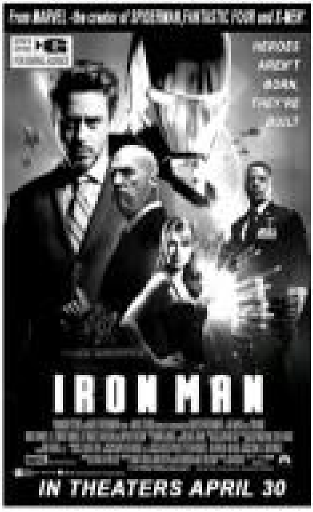
'That's My Doc'


JIM Carrey, Carol Burnett and Steve Carell

'Wildcatters'


AGA Muhlach

'Sining Gising'



Will a topless Marian seduce Dingdong?

DOLLY WOOD


Dolly Anne Carvajal

Guess who

Alarming video

Vicki's star



MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

SHOW TIME



Vanessa Carlton at Ayala Malls

Martin Nievera in Cebu

Penthouse 7 grand reunion

Talk 'N Text road show

Charity event at Merk's



Tonight

Tomorrow

April 30

Silly, senseless 'Superhero'

SERIOUSLY LACKING IN GENuinely funny punch lines, "Superhero Movie" parodies recent comic book-inspired movies. [illegible] "Spider-Man," "Batman," "Fantastic Four" and "X-Men," [illegible]

REVIEW

Better outtakes

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At the Cinemas

Cinema	Screen	Movie
GLORIETTA 1	1	PATHOLOGY
	2	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
	3	NEVER BACK DOWN
	4	[illegible]
GLORIETTA 4	1	SUPERHERO MOVIE
	2	STREET KINGS
	3	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
	4	THE SAVAGES
	5	NEVER BACK DOWN
	6	PATHOLOGY
	7	STRANGE WILDERNESS
GREENBELT 1	1	NEVER BACK DOWN
	2	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
GREENBELT 3	1	PATHOLOGY
	2	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
	3	THE SAVAGES
	4	88 MINUTES
	5	STRANGE WILDERNESS
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1	STREET KINGS
	2	PATHOLOGY
	3	NEVER BACK DOWN
	4	STRANGE WILDERNESS
	5	SUPERHERO MOVIE
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
	2	OVER HER DEAD BODY
	3	SHUTTER
	4	[illegible]
MARKET! MARKET!	1	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
	2	PATHOLOGY
	3	NEVER BACK DOWN
	4	STRANGE WILDERNESS
	5	[illegible]
TRINOMA	1	STREET KINGS
	2	SUPERHERO MOVIE
	3	NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN
	4	STRANGE WILDERNESS
	5	NEVER BACK DOWN
	6	PATHOLOGY
	7	THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

At the Malls

Glorietta — Fashion Week

Greenbelt — Summer Art Festival

Alabang Town Center

Ayala Center Cebu

Market! Market!

Ayala Museum

TriNoma







ONE TEAM
ONE HOT
ABS-CBN
Maiinit na programa,
para sa 'yo, Team Kapamilya!
WHEEL OF FORTUNE
THE SINGING BEE
LOBO
Pinoy Big Brother
Teen Edition Plus
KABATAANG PINOY
NGAYONG GABI NA!
MALIGNO
Lovers
BIGTIME PAGBABAGO Simula MAY 5
GAME KNB?
PIETEKOY
NGAYONG MAYO NA!
NGAYONG HUNYO NA!
Pinoy Dream Academy
SEASON 2
With new Kapamilya host
BILLY CRAWFORD
PRIMETIME BIDA
WHEEL OF FORTUNE
TV PATROL WORLD
THE SINGING BEE
LOBO
PBB TEEN EDITION PLUS
MALIGNO
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